

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of May 22, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, Claims 1-21, drawn to a liquid. Applicants have withdrawn Invention II, Claims 22-27, drawn to a method of using the composition; and Invention III, Claims 28-29, drawn to a method of making the composition. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

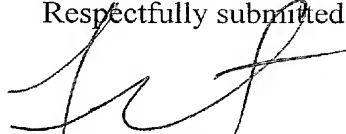
With respect to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the following without traverse:

1. Non-digestible oligosaccharide: fructo-oligosaccharides
2. Scavenging agent: ascorbic acid
3. Buffering agents: citrates

The title has also been changed to conform to the election of Claims 1-21.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



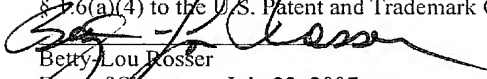
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